

**Domestic Relations Committee**  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
January 23, 2009

The Domestic Relations Committee met in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday, January 23, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m. for a meeting at the Indiana Judicial Center.

1. Members present. Craig J. Bobay, David C. Chapleau, Francis G. Hill, Karen M. Love, Sheryl L. Lynch, Nanette K. Raduenz, Frederick A. Schurger, David A. Shaheed, Dean A. Young and William C. Fee, Chair, were present.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Bob Monday, Children's Rights Council; Amber Njau, Project Analyst, Cynthia Longest, Deputy Director, Child Support Bureau; Karla Mantia, Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council; and Dr. Jane Venohr via conference call were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The minutes for the November 21, 2009 meeting were approved.
5. Draft child support guidelines.
  - a. Committee members revised commentary about birth expenses and placed it into the new Guideline 7 on health care. They also reviewed commentary about health insurance and placed it in Guideline 7 on health care.
  - b. Members of the committee reviewed and revised commentary on Guideline 7 on health care.
  - c. Jeffrey Bercovitz distributed recent comments on the child support guidelines to the committee. They discussed how to exclude an extraordinary income stream of other children in the household and also looked at reducing the adjustment to income when the other child's income is excluded. Judge Chapleau agreed to draft commentary in this area.
  - d. Members of the committee talked with Dr. Jane Venohr via conference call. They discussed how the allocation of controlled expenses effects the allocation of the 6% rule when there is equal parenting time. Magistrate Bobay agreed to draft a question on this issue for Dr. Venohr's consideration. In addition, they discussed extraordinary income with her and reviewed the draft Health Insurance Premium Worksheet and revisions to it with her.
  - e. Committee members agreed to distribute a draft survey of deviations from the child support guidelines to judicial officers, IV-D prosecutors and staff, and attorneys when the draft revised guidelines are placed on the Internet for comment.
6. Next meeting.
  - a. Committee members agreed for the February 20 meeting to: (1) look at multiple child support order language by Mag. Raduenz; and (2) additional factors for tax exemptions in commentary from Comm. Lynch. They also agreed to begin the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 20 with an overnight room the night before, if grant funds were available.

b. Committee members agreed to meet on Friday, February 20, March 20, May 15, July 17, and August 21 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. all at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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